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Thrilling Tale of the Luckenbach Against German Submarine; Holds Out Four Hours, Under a Rain of Shot and Shell While an American Destroyer Drives Through Ocean at 40 Miles an Hour to Its Rescue.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—The first full account of the fight of the submarine Luckenbach with a German U-boat, during which it withstood a rain of four hours of shelling, to be rescued finally by an American destroyer, which made a dash of 91 miles in response to "S. O. S." appeals, was given here today by Frederick Remington, wireless operator on the Luckenbach. It is one of the most thrilling tales of a sea fight that has come out of the present world war. Remington held the key in the wireless room of the Luckenbach and kept the destroyer posted as she fought her way through the ocean to the rescue of the American boat. "Don't surrender," the destroyer kept signaling him. "Never," was the reply from the Luckenbach's operator, and they didn't, although the old boat was almost ripped to pieces by German shells before the destroyer reached the scene. Here is Remington's story of the trip and the fight.

Without a Convey. "A crazy old tub was the Luckenbach. She actually was a tugboat at the dock on the day we sailed from an Atlantic port for one in France with \$1,000,000 worth of cotton and minerals stowed away in her hold. "We got out on the 6th—Saturday—and sailed along at 10 knots or so for a week. Then we broke down, and for six hours the Luckenbach literally rocked in the cradle of the deep before they patched her up.

"Five days later we passed several American destroyers, and we might have had a conveyance, but I preferred to take a chance on getting across alone. "The very next day we got our goods and plenty. "Submarine Aster. "Six bells—that's 7 o'clock—had just rung, when we were on deck to stretch. There I stood at peace with myself and the world. Most have been day dreaming a few minutes later, for I didn't grasp the significance of a hail from the man in the crow's nest forward that came bellying down to me: "Submarine Aster. "I remember hanging over the rail and looking down on the checkerboard like canvas of the Luckenbach, and saying to myself that the mine must have sharp eyes to pick us up.

"Happy's Patriotic Creed. "It was just 7:15 a. m. when the lookout yelled again. This time I had moved aft by the wireless room and by screaming my eyes could make out the submarine very clearly—too comradely clear. She was dipping her bow at about 15 knots and gradually swinging in broadside to us. "I guess I told you we had a gun crew aboard. Well, under the direction of 'Happy,' their chief petty officer, they had manned the guns fore and aft and were all ready to fire at command. "What do you think of our chances? the skipper asked 'Happy' when the two of them happened together.

"I'm not thinking," 'Happy' shot at him in a hurry. "All I know is that if the sub gets within range I'm going to get him and we're going to stick with him till the finish. Captain, a United States navy man doesn't know the meaning of 'shame' or 'retreat'." "Easy," I've heard Fourth of July orators read—exaggerating for hours without a thrill, but when that little old warrior, who had been a sailor man in the navy for 22 years, pulled those lines I felt just an electric shock of patriotic pride run through my whole system.

The S. O. S. "In the wireless room 'Kip,' my chief operator, was pounding out the old 'S. O. S.' His head was bent down over the dial, his eyes were shut, and he was just noting that it was 7:30 by the clock when I heard the first boom from the sub. "I whirled and saw the first shell leaving the gun, just as I've sat out in the center field bleachers and watched a ball go away from the bat. It sort of hypnotized me for a few seconds. Then as it came on swift and sure I was motioned to look out.

"But it went over by 100 feet, and as it did 'Happy' sung out 'begin firing.' And our guns let out a roar that lasted at the sub. "They were four inches, and right away our boys got the range of the big U-boat. "Never mind, we're getting 'em," 'Kip' yelled at me when the second shot dropped over uncomfortably close.

"He had hardly spoken when their third shot got us 10 feet away from the wireless room—that was their game, to put the radio out of commission, for they knew that we were signaling for help. The shot ripped through the end of the deck house

BRITISH SAY MARCIUS CONDEMNATION OF GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH RE- CEIVES COMMENDATION.

London, Eng., Feb. 12.—President Wilson's address is given the same prominence that all his utterances receive in the morning newspapers, but the text reached the newspapers too late for more than perfunctory comment on a few outstanding sentences. The president's attitude toward the speech of count von Hertling receives the main attention, and in this the president is regarded as having gone to the heart of the matter.

In his address, the Times sees an important refutation of "the doctrine of the German militarism can be exercised by rhetoric," and commends the serene confidence with which president Wilson subscribes to the belief that the war will not end without establishing the reign of right and justice.

The Daily News believes it was not an accident that the president's reply to von Hertling was made on the eve of a new session of the British parliament and thinks its significance will not be lost on the gravity of national affairs and the situation created by the last Versailles conference with its menacing suggestion of another reaction in the direction of a knockout blow.

man aboard had a grin and a joke all the time. "But a well directed shell from the sub soon chased the smile away. For it landed squarely above our sleeping quarters forward and tore through right into them, where it exploded. Believe me, no fire department ever worked harder than we did to get the wireless room back on its feet. It destroyed all our clothing and personal belongings.

"What all this was going on 'Kip' was keeping in touch with the destroyer. Every time anyone would pass the wireless room he would stick their head in the door and shout: 'How she coming, Kip?' and 'Kip' would grin back at him and say: 'Like a cat on a hot tin roof.' "Like a cat on a hot tin roof. "Limited: If this old ice chest will only hold together a little while longer."

"Aboard the destroyer one of the sailors told me afterwards they were working like mad to get every ounce of steam possible into her. Every plate in her was vibrating, for she was making better than 40 knots. All hands were tremendously excited, for 'Kip' had told how the Helms was smoking us as we approached.

"Don't Surrender Never." "Along a little after 10 I went into the radio room and relieved 'Kip' at the key. Afterward he told me that the destroyed wireless man had been giving good cheer to the sub's crew and not to take to the boats because they would be on the scene inside of an hour.

"I was as I took my seat and pulled the receiving set over my head the wireless man on the destroyer spelled out: "D-O-N-O-T-S-U-R-R-E-N-D-E-R." "My hand was on the key, and I was thinking I tapped out distinctly: "N-E-V-E-R."

"A second later a shell dropped plumb into the passageway just forward of the wireless room—and crashed down into the mine room. The wireless man was dead. The steam line was broken. Big clouds of steam came pouring up from below. Stokers, bleeding badly, came crawling out. The third engineer was hurt seriously. So were two other engine room men. Altogether that shell got seven men.

Ship Steps. "To cap the climax of our misfortune, the ship started to slow up. Finally we stopped altogether. It was a ticklish moment. Unable to maneuver the ship, we were at the mercy of the submarine. "And the sub was slowly getting around to our stern where she could bring her main gun to bear and get in the finishing touches. "Shells still came at us regularly. "Talk about your just in the nick of time stuff. We had all gone to our stations ready to abandon ship when the destroyer hoisted up. Maybe she didn't look good.

"Another shell got us—went right through a hatch into the hold. But now we had made up our minds to stick. "Destroyer Gets Submarine. "You couldn't see that destroyer so big was the wave she was making. About 11:15 she gets the range of the sub. She dropped five or six shells over him. Then, with a final shot at us, the sub dived and we all sat down on the deck laughing and crying and cheering.

A navy doctor and several navy men came aboard and after four hours' work on the engines we got under way. We got in with a conveyance day and saw two shells of the conveyance torpedoed right under our eyes. "On the way back we went in with a conveyance out of an Irish port. A few hours out I saw the American destroyer make a dash for the center of the conveyance. A sub had made a daring appearance. The destroyer fired about six shots and then swerved almost in a circle. A sub and mine saw a big explosion in the water.

It was a depth bomb. A minute later the conveyance was up and diagonally from the water. We could see the Germans crawling out of the conning tower and holding their hands. Later the sub went down."

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